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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KS, KN, MY

SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP AND GOM-
PYONGYANG TIES

REF: A. STATE 066738, B. KL 1424; C. KL 1335

1. ACTING MFA SECGEN HASHIM BIN SULTAN TODAY TOLD DCM THAT GOM
WILL ABSTAIN WHEN NORTH KOREA MEMBERSHIP ISSUE ARISES AT 26 TH
WHA. GOM SEES THIS AS MOST CREDIBLE POSITION IN LIGHT OF THEIR
PLANS TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA IN NEAR FUTURE,
ROUNDING OUT RECENT PATTERN OF ESTABLISHING TIES WITH BOTH SIDES
OF DIVIDED STATES (REFS B AND C).

2. KOREAN AMB RECENTLY TOLD AMB THAT HIS PITCH WITH MFA SECGEN
ON WHA ISSUE WAS UNAVAILING AND ELICITED NO RESPONSE.

3. ON VISIT FORMER ROK FONMIN TO KL THIS WEEK, HASHIM SAID GOM
WILL ACT AS OFFICIAL HOST AND HEAR HIM OUT, BUT HE DOUBTED
REPRESENTATION WILL APPRECIABLY AFFECT GOM TIMETABLE ON
ESTABLISHMENT TIES WITH NORTH KOREA. HASHIM ALSO STRESSED THAT
DIPLMATIC TIES WITH PYONGYANG WULD NOT AFFECT GOM TIES WITH
SEOUL AND THIS HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO NORTH KOREA.

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